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## CIA dealt with Wilson, former official testifies

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A former federal official told a judge yesterday that a CIA officer met with former agent Edwin P. Wilson to discuss obtaining a Soviet anti-aircraft missile and jet from Libya.

The disclosure by Paul Cyr represents the first assertion in court that an active-duty CIA officer dealt with Wilson in the late 1970s after he left the agency and began working with the radical government of Libya.

Wilson faces trial on charges of supplying explosives for a Libyan terrorist training school and conspiring to assassinate a Libyan dissident. His attorneys have said that his defense would be that he was working for the CIA.

The CIA has repeatedly denied any official involvement with Wilson during the time he was dealing with Libya.

But Justice Department sources have said that then-active CIA officials might become targets of prosecution in the Wilson case.

Cyr said he believed Wilson was working for the CIA, because he himself was present at the meetings between Wilson and Theodore Shackley, then associate deputy CIA director

for clandestine operations. But Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol Bruce told the judge that the government believed Wilson was just offering assistance in an effort to kill a federal investigation of him.

Cyr's attorney, Daniel Grove, said there was no indication Wilson ever obtained the Soviet equipment.

Cyr disclosed the meetings to U.S. District Judge John H. Pratt before being sentenced on two counts of accepting a gratuity from Wilson while Cyr was working for the Federal Energy Administration. Cyr had pleaded guilty to the two counts in a plea bargain with the government.

Cyr said he was describing the meetings, which were unrelated to the charges against him, in order to put on record another effort on his behalf to aid the U.S. government.

Shackley, who has since left the agency, could not be reached for comment yesterday. CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said yesterday that "an exhaustive search of our files has not uncovered any evidence that the CIA

asked Wilson to obtain Soviet equipment from Libya."

Cyr said that there were discussions of obtaining a Soviet SA-8 anti-aircraft missile in 1977-78 and of obtaining a MiG-26 jet fighter.

Cyr told the judge, "I thought Wilson was in the CIA. I sat in on meetings with Wilson and Ted Shackley and Wilson was telling him what the Russians were doing there."

Cyr also described an incident in 1981 in which Wilson called him from Libya and offered to supply details of what Wilson said were Libya's efforts to produce a nuclear bomb.

Cyr said that he eventually made arrangements for his attorney to obtain the information from Wilson in Libya and turn it over to the government.

Cyr was charged with accepting money from Wilson for introducing a computer firm, which was seeking federal contracts, to federal energy procurement officials. The exact amount he received is undetermined, but the government estimates it was between \$3,000 and \$6,000.

Mrs. Bruce told Pratt that the government believed Cyr had cooperated with federal investigators to the best of his ability, although his acknowledged alcoholism had left his memory hazy on some transactions.

Cyr could have received four years in prison and a \$20,000 fine, but Pratt sentenced him to three years probation, a \$5,000 fine and community service as a counselor with a northern Virginia alcoholism group.

In appealing for leniency, Cyr submitted a letter on his behalf from former CIA Director William Colby, who served with Cyr during World War II in the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA. Cyr was decorated by the U.S. and allied governments for three separate commando missions behind enemy lines, two in France and one in China.

Former Congressman Wilbur Mills, whose public career was ended shortly after his own problems with alcoholism contributed to a public dalliance with a strip-tease dancer, asked the judge to take into consideration that Cyr was an alcoholic at the time of his offenses.